

State of Utah
Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Office of Crime Victim Reparations



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*Anywhere...
Anytime...
Anyone...*

can become a victim of violent crime.

During the past 17 years the Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations has reached out to thousands of victims who have suffered financial loss, physical injuries and emotional trauma as a result of violent crime. The assistance provided by this program helps victims recover and rebuild their lives. Ninety-one million dollars have been awarded through compensation and victim assistance since the program's inception. No tax dollars are used to fund the compensation and victim assistance programs. These programs are funded through state and federal surcharges on fines, penalties and forfeitures.

The Office of Crime Victim Reparations provides financial compensation for victims of crime, administers and monitors Victim of Crime Act Compensation and Assistance grants and Violence Against Women grants, networks victim services across the state, provides enhanced training, and provides staff support to the Utah Council on Victims of Crime.

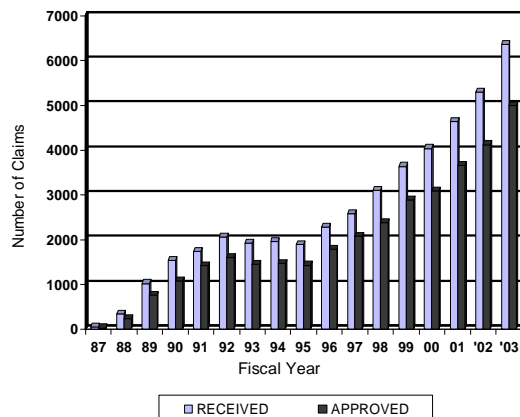
Crime Victim Compensation Program

Purpose: To compensate victims of violent crime who have suffered physical and psychological injury as well as families and dependents of deceased victims.

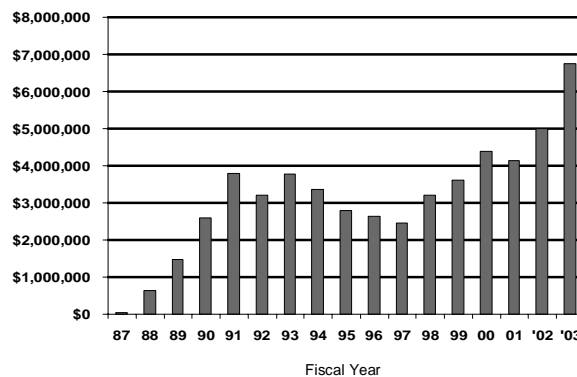
Source of Funding: Surcharge on fines.

Range of Awards: Awards can be made up to a maximum of \$25,000. However, reparations may be awarded up to \$50,000 for actual medical expenses incurred as a result of homicide, attempted homicide, aggravated assault, or DUI offenses.

Victim Claim Activity
1987-2003



Victim Benefits Awarded
1987-2003



Compensation Claim Summary FY 2003

Claims Received.....	6353
Claims Awarded.....	4985
Claims Denied.....	1026
Claims Pending.....	342
Total Amount Awarded.....	\$6,744,251
Average Amount Awarded.....	\$1,353

FY 2003 VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Victim of Crime Act Assistance Grants

Purpose: VOCA grants provide funding that enables the state, local governments and private nonprofit organizations to enhance and expand services to crime victims, promoting development of comprehensive services to crime victims throughout the state.

Source of Funding: Surcharge on Federal Fines.

Range of Awards: \$8,847 to \$120,646

Statistics: 60 VOCA funded agencies across the state provided services to a total of 47,838 crime victims. Of that number 32,574 were primary victims who were harmed by a chargeable crime and 15,264 were secondary victims such as the spouse, children, parents or siblings of the primary victim.

Total Federal Dollars Received January 1986 - June 2003	
VOCA Grants	26,038,900
VOCA Indian Country Grants	120,500
VAWA Grants	10,742,364
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	<u>135,000</u>
	37,036,764

STOP Violence Against Women Act Grants

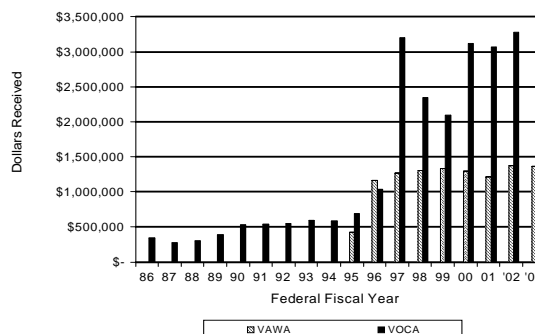
Purpose: VAWA grants encourage the development and implementation of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving crimes against women.

Source of Funding: Federal General Funds

Range of Awards: \$2,790 to \$89,450

Statistics: There are 46 VAWA funded agencies across the state.

VOCA/VAWA Federal Grants



The Following Agencies Received VOCA and/or VAWA Funding During FY 03

NONPROFIT

Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center
CAPSA
Child & Family Support Center
Center for Women & Children in Crisis
Cornerstone Counseling
Davis Co Children's Justice Center
Family Institute of Northern Utah
Family Support Center
Dove Center
Family Connection Center
Legal Aid Society
Multi Cultural Legal Center
New Horizons Crisis Center
Peace House
Rape Recovery Center
Safe Harbor
Salt Lake Co Children's Justice Center
Salt Lake SANE
Seekhaven
Sego Lily Center for the Abused
South Valley Sanctuary
UCASA
Utah Co Children's Justice Center
Utah Legal Services

Washington Co Children's Justice Center
Your Community Connection
Your Community in Unity
YWCA of Salt Lake

PROSECUTION

Cache Co Attorney's Office
Davis Co Attorney's Office
Duchesne Co Attorney's Office
Garfield Co Attorney's Office
Grand Co Attorney's Office
Iron Co Attorney's Office
Ogden City Prosecutor's Office
Payson City Attorney's Office
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office
Salt Lake Co Dist Atty's Counseling Unit
Springville City Prosecutor's Office
Utah Attorney General's Office
Utah Co Attorney's Office
Wasatch Co Attorney's Office
Weber Co Attorney's Office
West Valley City Attorney's Office

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Beaver County Sheriff's Office
Carbon County Sheriff's Office

Helper Police Department
Kane County Sheriff's Office
Midvale City Police Department
Murray City Police Department
Orem Dept of Public Safety
Pleasant Grove/Lindon Police Dept
Provo City Police Department
Salt Lake City Police Department
Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office
San Juan County Sheriff's Office
Sandy City Police Department
South Jordan Police Department
South Salt Lake Police Department
St George Police Department
Utah County Sheriff's Office
Vernal City Police Department
Weber County Sheriff's Office
West Jordan Dept of Public Safety

GOVERNMENTAL

Northern Utah County
Salt Lake City Justice Court
University of Utah
Utah Department of CED
Utah Department of Health
Utah State Courts

OTHER VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS

3/21/01	Victim Advocate Law Enforcement/Prosecutors'	\$250,000	One Year Extended to 9/30/2004
3/21/01	Victim Rights Committees	\$24,000	One Year Extended to 9/30/2004
6/27/01	Victim Notification	\$64,500	One Time StartUp
8/22/01	Sexual Assault Nurse Training & Start Up #1	\$13,193	One Time Expense
11/28/01	Sexual Assault Nurse Training & Start Up #2	\$18,903	Program StartUp Costs
3/20/02	Utah Victim Academy UVAA	\$15,875	One Year FY03
3/20/02	Utah Victim Academy UVAA	\$35,000	One Year FY04
7/17/02	Sexual Assault Nurses SANE	\$46,000	One Time Expense
7/17/02	Rape Recovery Center	\$50,000	One Time Expense
9/18/02	State Domestic Violence Coordinator	\$75,000	Year 2003 \$37,500
			Year 2004 \$37,500
9/18/02	Utah Council on Victims of Crime	\$5,000	Annual Conference Speakers
2/19/03	Sexual Assault Nurse Training	\$3,690	One Time Expense
4/23/03	Utah Victim Academy UVAA	\$1,500	One Time Expense
			10 Scholarships
4/23/03	Statewide Victim Notification System	\$706,755	Ongoing With Annual
			Support Fees \$345,000
Awarded to Date		\$1,309,416	

Compensation Benefits Awarded FY 2003

Rehabilitation Cost	2,534.00
Insurance Premiums/Spenddowns	5,866.49
Funeral Travel	15,000.00
Economic Loss	16,683.87
Independent Medical	26,288.80
Medically Necessary Devices	34,182.29
Residential/Day Treatment	39,320.56
Essential Personal Property	48,502.21
Replacement Services	51,924.00
Travel and Mileage	66,546.29
Inpatient Counseling	84,792.49
Funeral and Burial	276,590.07
Sexual Assault Examinations	341,004.80
Dental	317,352.80
Rent	436,598.28
Relocation	454,148.37
Loss of Wages	430,750.75
Mental Health	1,158,608.08
Medical	2,937,556.48
TOTAL	\$6,744,250.63

DID YOU KNOW.....

- The first compensation program in the United States was created in 1965 in California.
- Utah was the 43rd state to develop a compensation program in 1986.
- All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands now have compensation programs.
- Last year, on the national level, compensation programs received 205,000 claims and awarded \$375 million dollars.
- Utah's compensation program has one of the fastest turnaround times in the nation in determining claims.
- Utah has one of the highest payouts in the nation for its population size.
- CVR was the first compensation program to provide rent assistance to victims of domestic violence and child abuse.
- Utah was one of the first states to contract for the evaluation of inpatient mental health care to provide cost effective treatment.
- A seven member Crime Victim Reparations Board sets policy and procedure for the CVR office.
- Crime Victim Reparations has a Fast Track Forensic Sexual Assault Examination Program to cover examination costs when no other resources are available.
- CVR can award other victim services grants when there is a sufficient reserve to cover compensation costs. In the past two years \$1,309,416 has been awarded.
- Utah is one of five national programs receiving Office for Victims of Crime funding to develop and implement a Victim Assistance Academy. Now in its third year of operation, the Academy has been lauded as the best the nation.
- The CVR office helps sponsor and plan the annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference.
- Crime Victim Reparations organizes and conducts four victim assistance training and networking workshops per year.
- The compensation program provides outreach to victims, allied agencies and organizations to publicize the CVR program.
- Assaults and aggravated assaults, child physical and sexual abuse, and domestic violence were the top three crime categories on compensation claims filed.
- 31% of the compensation claims are for victims under 18 years of age.
- 71% of compensation claims were filed on behalf of female victims.
- Crime Victim Reparations annually supports over 100 governmental and nonprofit agencies in their efforts to serve crime victims.
- CVR provides annual Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) and STOP Violence Against Women (VAWA) grant training sessions in both northern and southern Utah.
- Crime Victim Reparations provides staff to support the Utah Council on Victims of Crime in its efforts to initiate crime victim related legislation and training.
- Twelve domestic violence shelters statewide receive VOCA and VAWA grant funds to provide services to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims.
- CVR grant funds were used to develop 38 victim advocacy programs housed within police departments, sheriff's offices, and city and county attorney's offices throughout the state. Thirty-five of the programs continue to receive VOCA and/or VAWA funds.
- The Salt Lake Family Support Center can provide free counseling to Adults Molested as Children due to funding from CVR grant programs.

How Utah Compares to Other State Programs

Dan Eddy, National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards, reports that comparatively Utah's compensation program is one of the most successful in the nation. In a recent letter to Crime Victim Reparations, Mr. Eddy noted several items of interest regarding the compensation program:

- Utah provides assistance to far more crime victims than other states of similar size – and more than many states much larger.
- Utah is paying claims extremely efficiently in comparison to other states.
- Utah's administrative costs of less than 10% are among the lowest in the country.
- Utah's program offers a variety of benefits not available in most other states such as rent and relocation for domestic violence victims and crime-scene cleanup.

Mr. Eddy attributes the success of the Utah program to excellent efforts in outreach and training as well as hard work by staff to provide needed financial assistance to crime victims.